

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 6, please rewrite the last paragraph beginning at line 28 as follows:

The core should also comprise a binding agent. The binding agent can be any type of material commonly known in the pharmaceutical art. Acceptable binder materials can be polymeric, non-polymer, water soluble or water insoluble. Preferably, the binding agent employed in the core is [[a]] water soluble, gels or swells (hydrogel forming polymer) in the presence of water. Some of the commonly known binders are acacia, alginic acid, sodium carboxymethylcellulose, microcrystalline cellulose, dextrin, ethylcellulose, gelatin, liquid glucose, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, carboxyvinyl polymer,